GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF A NATIONAL SEED BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Seed Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to make mandatory for seed companies to go through a trial in labs approved by ICAR;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The draft Bill to replace the existing Seeds Act provides for the establishment ofthe National Seeds Board in replacement of the Central Seed Committee and Central Seed Certification Board.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Seeds of all kinds and varieties shall be subject to compulsory registration on the basis of information provided by the producer on the results of multi-locational trials to establish Value for Cultivation & Usage.